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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This document is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced application. In that Office Action, the Examiner identified six different species disclosed in the application and required applicants to elect a single disclosed species.

Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement. However, applicants elect the species identified by the Examiner as shown in FIGS 1-3 wherein the skin engaging surface is flat and continuous. Claims 1-10, 17,18, 24-35, 39, 41, 42, 48-58, 61-65 and 71-73, are readable on this species.

Respectfully submitted,

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